THE "RISCY" BUSINESS OF BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

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OVERVIEW

- Key Elements of Successful Project
- Important Issues
- Case Studies



KEY ELEMENTS OF SUCCESSFUL PROJECT

- Clear Understanding of Project
- Communication with Stakeholders
- Good Conceptual Model
- Thorough Evaluation & Implementation



CLEAR UNDERSTANDING

- Stakeholder Identification
- Stakeholder Objectives & Timelines
- Constraints (financial, reuse, etc.)
- Environmental Conditions



COMMUNICATION

- Frequent
- Community Involvement
- Human Health/Ecological Risks
- Land Use Restrictions & Controls



CONCEPTUAL MODEL

- Historical Use and Planned Reuse
- Site Hydrogeology
- Potential Contaminants
- Potentially Impacted Media
- Potential Receptors



EVALUATION & IMPLEMENTATION

- Thorough Pre-Sampling (Phase I)
- Effective Sampling Plan(s)
- Thorough Data Evaluation
- Simple Non-Default
- Comprehensive Risk Assessment
- Remedy Based on Reuse and Risks



IMPORTANT ISSUES

- Vapor Intrusion
- Off-site Migration of Contaminants
- Background Metals Evaluation



VAPOR INTRUSION

- Proper Sampling & Evaluation (IDEM Pilot Program)
- Clear Understanding of Source(s)
- Vapor Abatement Alternatives



OFF-SITE MIGRATION

- Proper Investigation
- Evaluation of Potential Receptors (drinking water, vapor intrusion, ecological)
- Area-wide Ordinances



BACKGROUND EVALUATION

- Urban Fill
- Arsenic



CASE STUDIES

- Burnham's Sporting Goods, West Lafayette
- Prime Battery, Anderson
- The Bulge, Indianapolis



BURNHAM'S SPORTING GOODS

OVERVIEW

- Long-time sporting goods store and site of historical landfill
- Located on west bank of Wabash River in area of Wabash Landings
- Partnership between West Lafayette and Purdue University.

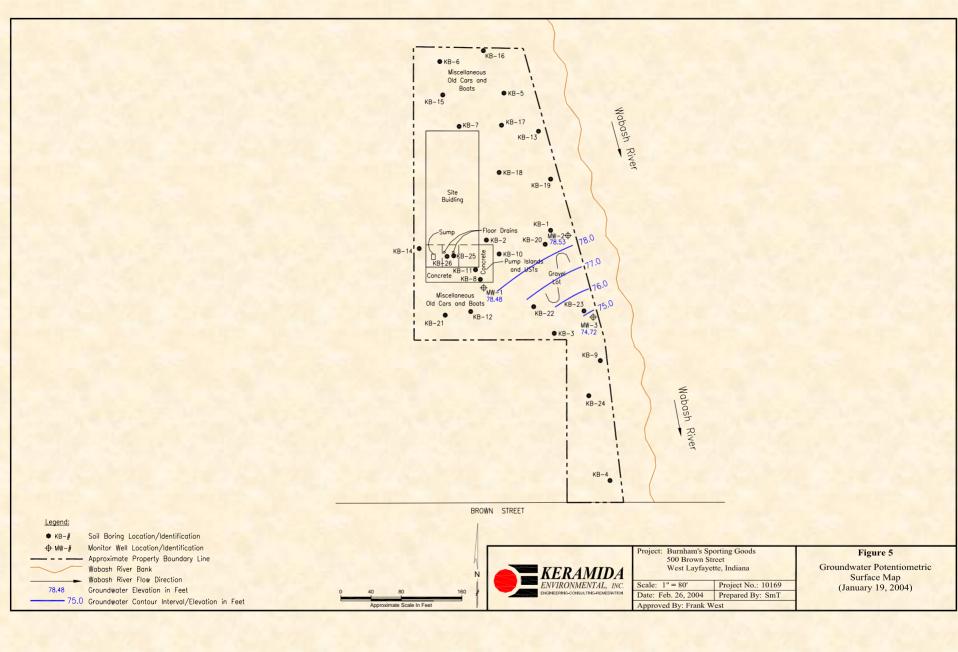


BURNHAM'S SPORTING GOODS

OVERVIEW (cont.)

- Redevelop as rowing clubhouse facility for student athletes and community.
- Phase I, Phase II, Site Characterization including methane study, and Site-specific HHRA







BURNHAM'S SPORTING GOODS

TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Appropriate sampling strategy for fill materials
- VC, As, Pb, and Se in soil > RISC Default Industrial CLs
- Total As and Pb in groundwater > RISC Default Industrial CLs.
- UST Removal



BURNHAM'S SPORTING GOODS

TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- Statistical (random) sampling of surficial fill materials.
- Removal of USTs under PRGI program.
- Mitigation of VC and Pb occurrence during UST Removal
- Site-specific HHRA. Evaluated site worker, recreational user, and construction worker.
- ERC for non-residential land use and prohibition of water supply well installation.

 ERAMIDA

OVERVIEW

- Abandoned former foundry and automotive battery manufacturing site located downtown near White River
- Listed on Commissioners Bulletin
- Removal Action by EPA and cleanup activities by IDEM
- Main Structure was dilapidated and required prompt demolition



OVERVIEW (cont.)

- High priority for Anderson, Visited by Governor Daniels during campaign
- Planned reuse is greenspace or commercial/industrial
- Completed Phase I, Phase II, asbestos and lead-based paint surveys, pre-demolition waste sampling



TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Friable asbestos and lead-based paint discovered.
- Structures in building required decontamination and encapsulation prior to demolition.
- Pb present in near surface soils >RISC Industrial Default CLs
- Fast Track Project



TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- Worked closely with Anderson and IDEM to plan and manage environmental aspects of demolition and residual environmental impacts
- Completed Asbestos Abatement



TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS (cont.)

- Building and contents properly removed/recycled
- Plan developed for removal of approximately 4000 tons of Pb impacted soils. Subject of Stipulated Grant Initiative.
- Removal from Commissioners Bulletin



OVERVIEW

- Former Monon Rail Line railyard including a locomotive roundhouse, machine shop, paint shop, and fuel oil storage
- Downtown Indianapolis along Monon Trail near 25th Street



OVERVIEW (cont.)

- Planned redevelopment is a youth golfing academy complete with small par 3 course and driving range.
- Phase I/Phase II, Site Characterization w. geophysical survey & test trenching



TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Surficial fill layer with cinders, brick, concrete, steel, and slag.
- As, Pb and SVOC in surface fill > RISC Residential Default CLs.
- VOC, SVOC, As, Pb in subsurface soil > RISC Residential Default CLs
- VOC, SVOC, As, and Pb in groundwater > RISC Default Residential CLs



TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- Random sampling of surficial fill
- HHRA to evaluate potential risks based on planned reuse as recreational area. Potential receptors include recreational users, groundskeeper and other site workers, and construction workers. Evaluated vapor to indoor air pathway. No unacceptable risks identified.



TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS (cont.)

- Soil cap on surficial fill layer to prevent direct contact.
- ERC for non-residential land use and prohibition of water supply well installation.

